



Divine Rivals

Book Club & Discussion Guide



This reading guide is designed to help you with your book club session or enhance your reading experience.



Divine Rivals: Summary

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- The gods that were never to wake from their enchanted sleep is now wide awake and is at war. In fact, two of the gods, Enva and Dacre are recruiting people to join their teams.
- Iris Winnow's brother, Forest, has heard Enva's music and is called to war, to fight on her team. He has no choice but to leave her and their mother behind. Because of this Iris' mother becomes addicted to alcohol and quits her job in the process.
- Iris has no choice but to drop out of school and work as a journalist at the Oath Gazette, a local newspaper. There, she meets Roman Kitt, who comes from a privileged background. Both of them become rivals, as they compete for a columnist position at the Oath Gazette.
- One day, Iris gets tired of waiting for Forest to write her a letter. Heartbroken, she writes a letter using her typewriter that was passed down to her by her grandmother.
- She writes her heart out, explaining that she has to support herself and their mother and hopes she gets the columnist position at the newspaper.
- She chucks the letter in her wardrobe, only to find another letter in the place of hers - from a mysterious man who signs off as "C".
- On the other hand, Roman "Carver" Kitt learns that this mysterious letter he received in the middle of the night is from Iris because she mentioned about the columnist position.
- The two of them continue corresponding through these enchanted letters. However, only Roman knows it's Iris on the other side of the letter.
- Soon, Iris' mother passes away after getting accidentally hit by a tramp. She grieves and feels like there is nothing left for her in Oath. She decides to leave her job and takes up an opportunity to be a war journalist. With this, she hopes that she'll be able to find her brother.
- Iris finds out that there are only three magical typewriters called The Alouttes. One of it is in the museum, the other with her and another is with her mysterious correspondent. However, Roman still think its the wardrobes that are allow their letters to reach each other.
- Knowing that Iris will be leaving the city, he doesn't want to lose communication with her. So, Roman leaves his job, his family and breaks off his engagement to join Iris at war front.
- At Avalon Bluff, Iris starts having feelings for Roman but also feels conflicted as she is starting to have a deeper connection with "C". On the other hand, Roman falls deeply in love with Iris after spending more time with her and also learning things about her from her letters. Eventually, Iris finds out that Roman and "C" are the same person and they get married.



Divine Rivals: Ending Explained

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- At the end of Divine Rivals, Dacre's army attacks Avalon Bluff. A bomb hits the ground, spilling out green clouds which made their eyes and nose sting. Iris tries to find Roman, so that they can get to clean air.
- Eventually, a masked person grabbed her arm. He wore Roman's jumpsuit and Iris assumed it was her lover. However, as she follows the masked person, she looks back and sees from a distance someone injured on the ground, crawling towards her, screaming her name. It was Roman. She then realizes that the masked man in Roman's jumpsuit is her brother, Forest and he is trying to drag her to safety.
- In the Epilogue, Dacre finds Roman on a golden field, bleeding, near death and yet desperately trying to crawl. Dacre realises that Roman is a war correspondent. Since he doesn't have one of those, the god decides to take him to his world. Roman and Iris are now separated.



Divine Rivals: Book Club Questions

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- Discuss the title of the book. How does the title play out in the story?
- Was there any plot twist in Divine Rivals that you did not see coming?
- Which quote from Divine Rivals resonated with you the most?
- Many readers on booktok are comparing Divine Rivals to Iron Flame, is this a fair comparison? What are your thoughts?
- "Your grief will never fully fade; it will always be with you—a shadow you carry in your soul—but it will become fainter as your life becomes brighter. You will learn to live outside of it again, as impossible as that may sound. Others who share your pain will also help you heal. Because you are not alone. Not in your fear or your grief or your hopes or your dreams. You are not alone." (Discuss this popular [Divine Rivals quote](#))
- Who is your favourite character in Divine Rivals and why?
- Are you satisfied with the [ending of Divine Rivals](#)?
- What are your expectations for book 2 (Ruthless Vows), now that you know how Divine Rivals ended.
- Do you think that the title Divine Rivals is more relevant to Dacre and Enva or Roman and Iris?
- What was your favourite Roman-Iris moment?
- Do you think what Forest did at the end of Divine Rivals was right? How did this shape your opinion of Forest?
- Discuss the theme of mental health and how it was portrayed in this book.
- The first Aloutte is at the museum. Do you believe this to be true? If not, where do you think it is?
- Did you like the [enemies to lovers trope](#) in Divine Rivals? Did the author do the trope justice?
- Iris and Roman eventually got married. Did you see that coming? What were your thoughts on this?
- Do you think this book is inclusive? Discuss.
- "I don't deserve to be this happy. Not when there's so much pain and terror and loss in the world." (Discuss this [Divine Rivals quote](#))
- Divine Rivals had little to no spice in it and yet it went [viral on booktok](#). Did you wish there were more spicy scenes between Roman and Iris?
- Who would you cast as Roman and Iris for an on-screen adaptation of Divine Rivals?
- Who do you think is the better writer, Roman or Iris?



Resources

Books:

- [Divine Rivals](#)
- [Ruthless Vows](#)

Guides:

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